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Milford Port Sanitary Authority.

Report of Medical Officer

FOR THE YEAR 1933.

MILFORD HOUSE,
MILFORD HAVEN.

Mr Chairman, my Lord and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my report for the year 1933.

The "Constitution of Authority"; Limit of Jurisdiction and Quarantine Station are as described in previous reports.

1. Amount of Shipping Entering the Port during the year 1933.

TABLE A.

Foreign	Number	Tonnage	Number Inspected by S.I.	Number Reported Defective	Number of Defects Remedied
Steamers	17	21906	17	—	—
Motor & Sailing	50	1236	50	6	6
Fishing	386	20817	386	9	9
Total	453	43959	453	15	15
Coastwise					
Steamers	106	65629	106	12	12
Motor & Sailing	22	7241	22	1	1
Fishing	4668	368311	4130	42	42
Total	4796	441181	4258	55	55
Total Foreign& Co'stwise	5249	485140	4711	70	70

2. Character of Trade of Port

TABLE B.

(a) Passenger Traffic during 1933 ... Nil

(b) Cargo Traffic: Principal Imports:—
Fish, Artificial Manure, General Merchandise, Timber.

Principal Exports:—Coal.

Countries with which the Port principally trades:—
Irish Free State, Belgium, France, Spain, West Indies, Holland, Latvia.

3. Source of Water Supply.

(a) For the Port:—An adequate Pumping plant gives a convenient supply of clean sea water for all purposes to every part of Fish Market. Hydrants are fitted along the Dock Wall for the convenience of washing out fish rooms

(b) For Shipping:—From Milford Urban District Council.

(c) Number of Water Boats and their Sanitary conditions — Nil.

4. Infectious Disease.

All Vessels entering the Port are boarded by your Sanitary Inspector who reports any cases of Infectious Disease to your Medical Officer.

Arrangements have been made with the County Council for the immediate isolation and treatment of any such cases other than Yellow Fever, Cholera and Plague, at the Pembroke Dock Isolation Hospital.

Here also arrangements have been made for the disinfection of infected bedding, clothing, etc., as well as for the cleansing of Verminous persons. The Hospital is provided with a Motor Ambulance for conveying patients to the Hospital. In addition, you have your own Hospital at Sandy Haven, were any cases of Cholera, Plague or Yellow Fever would be admitted.

TABLE C.

Cases of Infectious Diseases Landed from Vessels

During 1934	...	Nil
During last five years		3

TABLE D.

Cases of Infectious Disease occurring on Vessels during the Voyage but disposed of prior to Arrival

During 1933	...	Nil
During last five years		Nil

The CLINIC for the treatment of Venereal Disease for the Port of Milford is at SWANSEA General and Eye Hospital, where all Bacteriological work in connection with the Port is carried out.

Leaflets prepared and provided by the Ministry of Health giving information on the dangers of Venereal disease and on the facilities for treatment are supplied when found necessary to the Crews of Vessels by your Sanitary Inspector.

The Port Sanitary Regulations, 1933.

These Regulations came into operation throughout the country on the 1st of May of this year, and there has been no difficulty in working them.

Under these Regulations the following proposals for Mooring Stations have been approved for Milford, Neyland, Pembroke, Haverfordwest and all other small quays within Milford Haven, viz.:

(a) **Under Article 10 (2)**

"That part of the Haven bounded on the West by a line drawn 180 degrees from the flagstaff on the fort of South Hook Point, and on the East by a line joining Little Wick No. 1 Buoy, No. 3 Buoy and Popton Point."

(b) **Under Article 10 (1).**

"The ships' place of mooring, discharge or loading."

This agreement is subject to the following understandings:—

(1) That the mooring place referred to in (a) above is for ships unhealthy under Article 12 (1), and that at (b) for all other unhealthy ships ; and

(2) that a standing exemption from detention under Article 14 has been granted by the Medical Officer in respect of ships with infectious diseases (other than cholera, plague, yellow fever, typhus fever and smallpox) on board and ships (except grain laden) otherwise clean which have arrived from ports in areas listed under Article 11.

5. Measures against Rodents.

Ships that call at the Port usually stay one day to unload their cargo and to take in stores, the Vessels being chiefly trawlers and small cargo vessels.

If any rats are known to be on board instructions are given to set traps and poisoned baits, and any rats found dead are burned in the furnace. Four ships were fumigated S.O.2 There are no gangways fitted to the Vessels, but very few mooring cables are fitted with rat-proof discs.

During his inspection the Sanitary Inspector examines all food lockers, bins, trunks, etc., for traces of rats; the owners are advised to have all food lockers lined with tin or sheet iron.

Number of Vessels on which trapping and poisoning were employed — 14.

6. Hygiene of Crews' Spaces

TABLE J.

CLASSIFICATION OF NUISANCES.

Nationality of Vessel	No. Inspected during 1933.	Defects of original construction	Structural defects thro' wear & tear.	Dirt, Vermin & other conditions prejudicial to health.
British	4258	—	32	28
Other Nations	453	—	3	14

7. Food Inspection.

Monthly Tonnage of Fish Landed and inspected during the year.

Month	Tonnage
January	3250
February	3545
March	4330
April	3780
May	4190
June	4050
July	4670
August	5210
September	5910
October	4450
November	3905
December	2960
	50250

Monthly Record of unsound Fish condemned, surrendered & destroyed

Months	tons	cwts	qrs	lbs
January	—	2	1	14
February	—	—	2	14
March	—	2	2	—
April	—	4	2	—
May	—	11	1	—
June	—	16	2	—
July	2	2	—	—
August	—	6	—	—
September	—	4	3	14
October	—	1	2	—
November	—	—	—	—
December	—	—	—	—
Total	4	12	0	14

I have the honour to be,

Mr Chairman, my Lord and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

H. O. Williams